CALLING ATTENTION NOTICE TO A MATTER OF URGENT PUBLIC IMPORTANCE

Re : Non-release of grants to the University of Agricultural Sciences, Hebbal.

SRI M. MALLIKARJUN KHARGE (Gurmitkar). - I call the attention of the Minister for Agriculture and Forests to the non-release of grants to the University of Agricultural Sciences, Hebbal.

SRI K.H. PATIL (Minister for Agriculture and Forest).— I state as follows.—

The question of release of development grants to the University of Agricultural Sciences is usually done after getting details of utilisation of the funds sanctioned by the Government under development grants. The University of Agricultural Sciences have requested for release of grants under this Head provided for 1972-73 in the month of September 1972 The University was requested to furnish some necessary information with regard to the items of developmental works taken up and the expenditure incurred both in respect of schemes approved by the I.C.A.R. and the schemes sponsored by the State Government. This information, in the desired form, was received from the University of Agricultural Sciences only on 6-2-1973. Government after examining the statements furnished by the University, have released an amount of Rs. 20 Lakhs in Government Order No. AF 16 AUB 72 dated 21-2-1973. Concurrence of the Finance Department for the release of the remaining Rs. 20lakhs on the basis of the information furnished by the University is being taken.

SRI M MALLIKARJUN KHARGE.— May I know the items of developmental work taken up and the expenditure incurred both in respect of schemes approved by the I C A R and State Government ?

SRI K. H. PATIL.—ICAR approved works have already got grant. This development grant has to be released as and when the deficit is there for carrying out developmental activities sponsored by the Government.

SRI M. MALLIKARJUN KHARGE.—What is the information asked by the Government to release the grant?

SRI K. H. PATIL.— I have already stated that we have asked whether they have carried out all the developmental work sponsored by the Government of Mysore and whether any expenditure incurred is still in deficit.